

REMARKS

The Office Action in the above-identified application has been carefully considered and this amendment has been presented to place this application in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, reexamination and reconsideration of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 143–148 are in the present application. It is submitted that these claims, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims are in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Changes to the claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. sections 101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

Claims 143-148 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over MacKay et al. (U.S. Patent 5,148,154) in view of Takahashi et al. (U.S. Patent 5,537,528).

The present invention displays “the graphical user interfaces including a clip tree window for graphically displaying said tree structure for said plurality of clips; wherein said clip tree window displays a clip name for each clip in said tree structure indicating whether the clip is a material clip or a resultant clip.” (Claims 143 and 146) The clip tree window is shown in Figures 10-12 and described in the specification on pages 38-40. As shown in Figure 10, the tree structure of the present invention not only indicates the links between clips, but also displays the name of each clip which indicates whether the clip is a material clip (MC) or a resultant clip (FC). (Specification page 75)

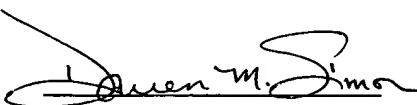
The Examiner relies upon Takahashi for teaching an editing system for editing clips that graphically represents the clips in a tree structure for linking the clips together. (col. 2, lines 6-67, Fig. 16, col. 14, lines 37-51) However, as shown in Figure 16, Takahashi's graphically displayed scene hierarchy is not disclosed as displaying the name of each scene. Moreover, Takahashi does not disclose scene names which indicate whether the clip is a material clip (MC) or a resultant clip (FC). Hence, Takahashi does not meet the limitation of "said clip tree window displays a clip name for each clip in said tree structure indicating whether the clip is a material clip or a resultant clip" as recited in the present claims. Accordingly, for at least this reason, Takahashi and MacKay fail to obviate the present invention and the rejected claims should now be allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application as now presented is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

An extension-of-time fee is deemed to be required for the filing of this amendment. No additional fees are anticipated, but if such are required, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below. The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,
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